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Senators to attend Kalamazoo Public Hearing

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Sen. Jason Allen, Chair of the Commerce and Labor Committee, and others to attend public hearing on the impact of the Pfizer acquisition

LANSING- A hearing focusing on the economic impact of the Pfizer layoffs to the community and the effort to realign science talent in Michigan will be conducted Tuesday, August 26, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Van Deusen Auditorium, Kalamazoo Public Library, downtown, 315 S. Rose St., Kalamazoo, Sen. Tom George, R-Texas Township, announced today.

"The gathering will give state legislators a first-hand opportunity to assess the potential impact job losses at Pfizer may have on southwestern Michigan," said George. "It will also give anyone affected by the loss of 1,400 to 2,000 jobs a chance to bend the ear of government."

Lawmakers are interested in hearing concerns and gathering ideas regarding what possible steps the state, Pfizer and the community can take to reduce the negative impact on the Kalamazoo Valley area. The hearing will be hosted by the Kalamazoo Regional Chamber of Commerce.